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Ms. Michelle Liljcroot
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Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
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**Re: Friends of Hillary (C00358895)
April Quarterly Report (1/1/05-3/31/05)**

Dear Ms. Liljcroot:

This response is submitted on behalf of Friends of Hillary (the "Committee") to answer questions raised in your June 28, 2005 request for information related to the April Quarterly Report covering the period January 1 through March 31, 2005 (the "April Quarterly Report"). The Committee's response follows:

1. **John Paul Austin and J. Paul Austin**

The Committee determined that John Paul Austin and J. Paul Austin were the same individual. The records were combined and \$400 of the \$2,000 March 2, 2005 contribution was properly redesignated as a general election contribution pursuant to 11 CFR §110.1(b)(5)(ii)(B). The redesignation was reported on the Committee's July Quarterly Report pursuant to 11 CFR §104.8(d)(2).

2. **Ben Barnes**

The Committee properly deposited the March 23, 2005 contribution pursuant to 11 CFR §103.3(a). A portion of the contribution was designated for the primary election. A statement that the excess amount was refunded in the next period was included in the report noting the receipt of the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR §103.4(b)(5). The refund was issued within thirty days of receipt of the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR §103.3(b)(1) and it was reported on the Committee's July Quarterly report pursuant to 11 CFR §104.8(d)(4).